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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Water Wheel Ranch

Project No. 6952-008

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, PROTESTS,
RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Amendment of Exemption
- b. Project No.: 6952-008
- c. Date filed: December 12, 2011, and supplemented on October 8, 2012
- d. Applicant: Water Wheel Ranch
- e. Name of Project: Water Wheel Ranch Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The Water Wheel Ranch Hydroelectric Project would be located on the North Fork Little Cow Creek in Shasta County, California. The land on which all the project structures are located is owned by the applicant.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Finley McMillan, P.O. Box 130, Round Mountain, CA 96084. Phone (530) 337-6581
- i. FERC Contact: Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062, robert.bell@ferc.gov
- j. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.
- k. Deadline for filing responsive documents: All comments, motions to intervene, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions due within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments filed in response to comments

submitted by any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person, must be filed with the Commission within 15 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

l. Description of the project: The amended Water Wheel Ranch Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) relocating powerhouse No. 2, which was destroyed by a forest fire, 850 feet closer to the dam, up the existing penstock, (2) installing a new 100-foot-long tailrace which would discharge into Cedar Creek, 1,400 feet upstream of the current discharge location and (3) appurtenant facilities. The applicant states there would be no change in project capacity.

m. This filing is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, P-6952, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for review and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. Protests or Motions to Intervene -- Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

q. All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading, the

name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and seven copies to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: November 8, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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